

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with a Divisional Patent Application. New Claims 9-12 are submitted to claim additional subject matter disclosed in the application. New matter is not added.

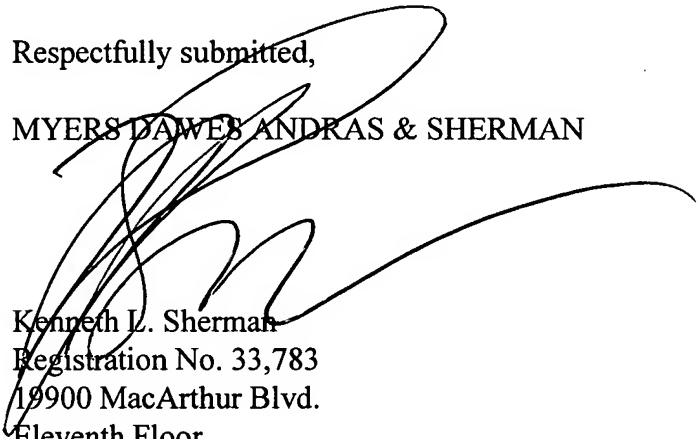
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

Please replace Page 17, lines 23-26 with the following amended paragraph:

Read DHCPDB() is the workhorse of GENIP, handling the setup and execution of DHCPCMD as well [s] as reading the resultant output therefrom, reading the same into the “current” database, comparing with the “previous” database, and then writing a new “output” database for the clients.

Please replace Page 27, lines 21-30 with the following amended paragraph:

Each source-like capability has a complementing sink-like capability that is compatible with it. For example, the outputting video capability of one home device is complemented by the accepting video capability of a second home device. Each capability is associated with a certain set of data specifications. For example, when a DVCR outputs a video signal, the video signal is broadcast on a particular stream [of the] over the home network. The stream number and other information about the signal form part of the DVCR’s (outputting home device) data specification message. Therefore, in one embodiment, to execute a session, a first home device (outputting home device) communicates a data specification message to a second home device (accepting home device) via the session manager.

3. (Twice Amended) The method of claim [1] 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

detecting a logical device name from [the] a device like file;
storing the logical device name in the device link page; and
converting the logical device name to a device button.

4. The method of claim [1] 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of :

retrieving a device ICON image from a home device;
creating a device button based on the device ICON image; and
storing the device button in the device link page.

5. The method of claim [1] 9, wherein the step of creating the device link page includes the steps of:

Retrieving a device LOGO image from a home device;
Creating a manufacturer device button based on the device LOGO image; and
Storing the manufacturer device button in the device link page.

6. The method of claim [1] 9, wherein the step of associating a hyper-text link with each device button, includes the step of :

Retrieving a URL from a home device, wherein the URL is maintained in a properties file associated with the home device; and

Associating the URL with the device button that is associated with the home device.